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In re Application Of:)
Andre Matthaei et al.) Group Art No. 1732
Serial No: 10/018,462) Examiner: Mary Theisen
Filed: April 25, 2002) Docket No. 000137.00019
For: Method And Device For Producing Granulates)
From Intermediate Products Of Thermoplastic)
Polyesters And Copolyesters)

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Sir:

The Examiner does not acknowledge the claim for foreign priority in the Office Action mailed May 13, 2004 for instant application. For the reasons set forth below, it is requested that the claim for foreign priority be acknowledged in the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The instant application is a national stage application of PCT/EP01/01530 that identifies the United States as a Designated State. Because the United States was identified as a Designated State, copies of the international application and related papers regarding the claim for priority should have been forwarded by the International Bureau and received by the U.S. Receiving Office.

During a telephone conference between the undersigned and the PCT Help Desk at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the undersigned was informed that the necessary priority documents were transmitted to the U.S. Receiving Office and placed in the instant application.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge the claim of priority and the receipt of the required priority documents.

Respectfully submitted,

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